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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *10 May 2007*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☐ Claim(s) *1,3,5,6,8-11,13,15,16,18-26,30,33-37,39-41,45,48-52 and 54-59* is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☒ Claim(s) *1,3,5,6,8-11,13,15,16,18-26,30,33-37,39-41,45,48-52 and 57-59* is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *54-56* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

      1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1)☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3)☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6)☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This office action is in response to request for consideration, and amendment filed on

July 27, 2007. Original application contained Claims 1-56. Applicant previously cancelled

Claims 2, 12, and 31, 32, 38, 46, 47, and 53, and amended Claim 1-56. Applicant currently

amended Claims 21, 54, and added new Claims 57-59. The amendment filed on March 9, 2007

have been entered and made of record. Presently pending claims are 1, 3, 5-6, 8-11, 13, 15-16,

18-26, 30, 33-37, 39-41, 45, 48-52, and 54-59.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3, 5-6, 8-11, 13, 15-16, 18-26, 30, 33-37,

39-41, 45, 48-52, and 54-59 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of

rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3, 5-6, 8-11, 13, 15-16, 18-26, 30, 33-37, 39-41, 45, 48-52, and 57-59 are

allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1.   The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the

basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2.   Claims 54-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yunoki. U. S.

Patent 5,408,518.

5.   Regarding claim 54 Yunoki teaches and describes a system and method, comprising: a

computer-readable medium comprising: a tangible signal bearing medium; and software code

encoded on said signal bearing medium (col.7 line 1 to line 33) and configured to implement

each of: extending a persistent invitation to a first network station client to join an ongoing

conference call in response to a determination that the first network station client is unavailable

to accept a non-persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call, wherein said extending

is performed after the ongoing conference call has begun and comprises issuing a token to the

first network station client (Fig.1, col. 4 line 30 to line 61, col.5 line 28 to col.6 line 5, and col.6

line 61 to col.7 line 47), detecting an activation of said token by said first network station client,

and adding the first network station client to the ongoing conference call in response to said

detecting (Fig.1, col. 2 line 15 to line 48, and col. 4 line 38 to col. 6 line 25).

5.   Claims 55-56 are rejected applied as above in rejecting claim 54. Furthermore, Yunoki

teaches and describes a system and method, wherein:

- signal bearing media further includes: recordable media; and transmission media (col.2

line 26 to line 32).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Syed Zia whose telephone number is 571-272-3798. The

examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the

organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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